

REMARKS

In view of the above amendment, applicant believes the pending application is in condition for allowance.

I. Status of the Claims

Claims 30-32 are pending.

Claims 1-29 and 33-39 have been cancelled without prejudice to Applicant's rights to prosecute any subject matter not claimed in the instant application in any number of divisional or continuation applications.

Claim 30 has been amended to correct claim dependency. Support for this amendment can be found throughout the specification and in claims 1 and 24. No new matter has been added.

II. Allowed/Allowable Subject Matter

Applicants gratefully acknowledge the Examiner's indication that Claims 30-32 would be allowable if rewritten to no longer be dependent upon a rejected base claim. Claim 30 was rewritten to be in independent form incorporating all of the limitations of independent claim 1 and dependent claim 24. Claims 30 and 32 now are dependent on independent claim 30, and should also be allowable as no new matter was added.

III. Claim Objection – minor informality

Claim 29 was objected to for a minor formality.

Claim 29 has been cancelled and therefore the objection is moot.

IV. Claim Rejections under 35 USC § 102

Claims 1-2, 4-5, 7-8, 14-17, 21-24, 33 and 38-39 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Jenne et al. [WO 99/477044 (23 SEP 99)].

Claims 1-29 and 33-39 have been cancelled without prejudice and the rejection is moot.

V. Claim Rejections under 35 USC § 103

Claims 3, 6, 9-11, 13, 18-20 and 24-29 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Jenne et al. [WO 99/477044 (23 SEP 99)] in view of Callaghan et al. [WO 99/05314 (FEB 1999)].

As previously stated, claims 1-29 and claims 33-39 have been cancelled without prejudice and therefore the rejection is moot.

VI. Claim Objections

Claims 30-32 has been objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim.

As previously stated, Claim 30 was rewritten to be in independent form incorporating all of the limitations of independent claim 1 and dependent claim 24. Claims 30 and 32 now are dependent on independent claim 30, and should also be allowable as no new matter was added.

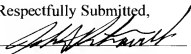
CONCLUSION

Each and every point raised in the Final Office Action dated January 25, 2007 has been addressed on the basis of the above remarks and amendments. In view of the foregoing it is believed that claims 30-32 are in condition for allowance and it is respectfully requested that the application be reconsidered and that all pending claims be allowed and the case passed to issue.

If there are any other issues remaining which the Examiner believes could be resolved through a Supplemental Response or an Examiner's Amendment, the Examiner

is respectfully requested to contact the undersigned at the telephone number indicated below.

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